



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2005-13

WHEREAS, I, John Hoeven, Governor of the State of North Dakota, by the authority vested in me, declare a snow disaster exists in North Dakota based on the November 27-30, 2005, severe winter storm with heavy snow, freezing rain and high winds that disrupted electrical power supplies and bringing transportation to a stand-still; and

WHEREAS, reports of up to one inch of freezing rain, accompanied by several inches of snow and blowing snow, caused blizzard conditions; and

WHEREAS, power outages were reported in several southeastern cities and counties as a result of extensive damage to infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the extended periods of power outage caused undue hardship for the individuals, families and livestock, requiring use of alternate sources of power or relocation to shelters to retain a level of comfort and safety; and

WHEREAS, I directed the N.D. Department of Emergency Services, Division of Homeland Security, to request a joint federal, state and local survey of the damaged areas. The Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) took place December 13-15, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the PDA indicated that the most severe impacts were to transportation infrastructure and Rural Electric Cooperatives and included expenses for protective measures.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that appropriate state agencies and administrators maintain snow emergency response initiatives pursuant to the State Emergency Operations Plan.

This order is issued upon the following basis and for the following reasons:

1. The governor is vested with the executive authority pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution; and

2. The governor is vested with statutory authority to issue executive orders pursuant to Chapter 37-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code to minimize or avert the effects of a disaster or emergency; and
3. A coordinated and effective effort of appropriate government departments is required to minimize the impact of emergencies and disasters in this state.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 20th day of December 2005.

/s/
John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:

/s/
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State